

Sherwood Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024 10 am I welcome you to Sherwood Episcopal Church on this glorious day as we celebrate the Risen Christ. Take time to be in the moment on this special morning, open your heart to the scripture, prayers, and hymns that will be said and sung today. Celebrate in the mystery of the Resurrection knowing that Christ has risen and you are loved. Take the message out into the world that needs to hear it.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Mother Nancy

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Grand Overture No. 2 in G Major - James Michael Stevens

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN - 178 (v 1-2)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN – 178 (v 3-4) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

4 Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain

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The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Kevin M., Victor, Joyce T., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Barbara, Joan L., Rachael, Doreen, Norma, Virginia, Don M., Tom D., Josh F., Michele G., Kathryn, Charles, Bill P., Mike, Don, Karen K., Olivia, Mary Ellen, Andrea, Stephanie, and Phillip.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating birthdays, especially Kathleen and Kevin, as well as anniversaries.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We especially pray for the victims of the Key Bridge collapse and the family and friends they have left behind.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. <u>Give online</u> (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes <u>you</u>, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Morgen - Richard Strauss

Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde, wird uns, die Glücklichen sie wieder einen inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde... und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen, werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen, stumm werden wir uns in die Augen schauen, und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweigen

And tomorrow the sun will shine again and on the way that I will go, we will unite again, happy on this sunlit path of earth, and on this shore, under wave-blue skies will we still and slowly meet, silently we will look in each other's eyes and upon us will sink the mute silence of happiness

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

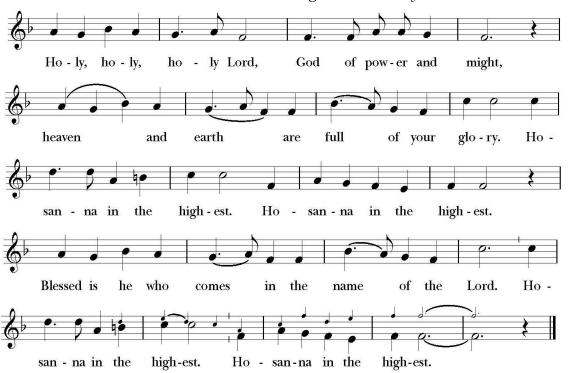
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever ... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S125 Setting: A Community Mass; Richard Proulx



The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

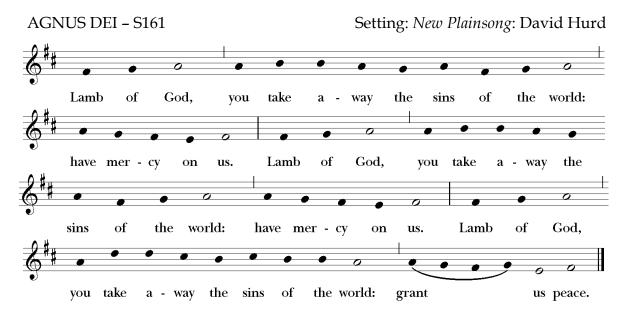
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

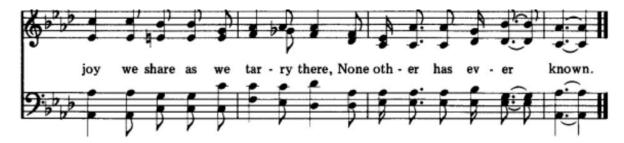
Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and

strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.





COMMUNION HYMN - 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!

3 The God of splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 180

He is risen, he is risen

1 He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he boresin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Postlude on *Unser Herrscher*

Please join us in the church wing for coffee and fellowship after the service.

The Paschal candle is given in memory of Madeline Potter by Anne & Ralph Wismer.

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Carrie Fowler, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Mason Strong Crucifer: Dylan Barrett

Torch Bearers: Bria Arnold, Christina Pitts

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Cindy Haraughty, Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: Susan Boucher, Bill & Karyn Galetto, Joyce Mann, Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Sunday, April 7

Lectors: Sheila Fitzgerald, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek Ushers: Jack & Jane Turnbull

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts Altar Guild: Susan Boucher, Joyce Mann Hospitality: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:

Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Guy, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday

Lenten Study via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday

Office Hours 10 am-3 pm Holy Eucharist, 11am, Broadmead Graveside Committal, Lou Shaffer, 12:30 pm Lenten Study, 3-4 pm, Faith Lutheran Conference Room

\$25,000 for the Clean Water Project!

Great news!! Thanks to Baltimore County Councilman Wade Kach and the efforts of Suzie Merryman, Sherwood was awarded a \$25,000 grant from HV Holdings, LLC, a developer who is building a new 55+ community in the Hunt Valley area. This puts us another step forward in living out our commitment to caring for God's creation!

Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Flowers!

If you contributed to the altar flowers for Easter, be sure to pick up a pot or two after the service today.

Lenten Study this Week:

The last week of our Lenten Study will be Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom or in person on Wednesday, April 3 @ 3 pm in the Conference Room at Faith Lutheran.

Statements Coming Soon:

Your first quarterly statement of 2024 will be emailed to you within the next week or so. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please <u>email</u> <u>Carey sherwoodparish@gmail.com</u> or leave a message at 410-666-2180.



EASTER

WORD SEARCH

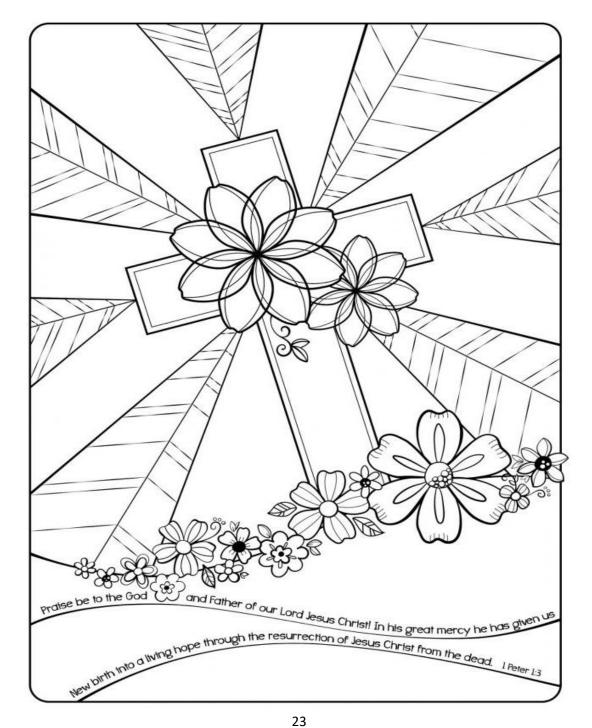


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